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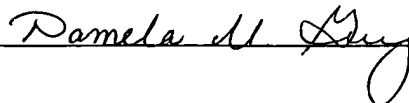
The specification has been amended herein to reference SEQ ID NOS corresponding to *T. Foetus* inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH). The amino acid sequence of IMPDH, either containing cysteine at residue 319 (SEQ ID NO:1) or S-hydroxycysteine at residue 319 (SEQ ID NO:2) are disclosed in the specification. Specifically, Tables 4, 5 and 6 show the amino acid sequence of IMPDH with cysteine at residue 319 (SEQ ID NO:1), and Tables 2, 3 and 7 show the amino acid sequence of IMPDH with S-hydroxycysteine at residue 319 (SEQ ID NO:2). Therefore, the present amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of these amendments.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of this fee to Deposit Account No. 502624. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions relating to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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